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SUBJECT:NOMINATION OF ARMA (IN-COUNTRY DATT)

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE IN ASSIGNMENT OF COLONEL PRITCHARD G. ADAMS AS ARMY ATTACHE TO HUNGARY. ADAMS WOULD REPLACE LT. COLONEL FRANCIS V. VARALLO IN AUGUST 1975.

2. ADAM'S CANDIDACY HAS HAD A UNIQUE HISTORY RESULTING IN THIS UNORTHODOX METHOD OF SEEKING YOUR APPROVAL HIS ASSIGNMENT. DIA ORIGINALLY NOMINATED ADAMS FOR POSITION IN MAY 1974. THAT SAME MONTH, INR SENT A LETTER TO AMBASSADOR PEDERSEN REQUESTING HIS CONCURRENCE. THE AMBASSADOR RESPONDED BY NEITHER CONCURRING IN NOR REJECTING PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT. INSTEAD HE ASKED THAT DEPARTMENT REQUEST DIA EXTEND TOUR OF HIS ARMA, COL. HAUSMAN FOR ONE YEAR, A PROPOSAL WHICH DIA SUBSEQUENTLY REJECTED. THE ENTIRE QUESTION BECAME MOOT HOWEVER, WHEN SHORTLY THEREAFTER COL. HAUSMAN HAD TO LEAVE HUNGARY. WITH AMBASSADOR PEDERSEN'S CONCURRENCE LT. COL VARALLO WAS ASSIGNED TO FINISH COL.

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HAUSMAN'S TOUR. LOST IN THE SHUFFLE WAS THE ORIGINAL ISSUE

OF COL. ADAM'S NOMINATION. DIA HOWEVER CONTINUED TO PROCESS
AND TRAIN ADAMS AND IS NOW PREPARING THE PAPERWORK FOR HIS
TRAVEL TO BUDAPEST. ASSUME THAT FORMAL AGREEMENT PROCEDURES
AS SUCH NO LONGER REQUIRED WITH GOH. PLEASE CONFIRM.

3. THIS SUBJECT WAS BRIEFLY MENTIONED AT YOUR INR/DDC
BRIEFING IN MARCH AT WHICH TIME A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF
COLONEL ADAMS WAS HANDED TO YOU.

4. YOUR REPLY BY LIMDIS CABLE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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